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SUBJ: CIVAIR: RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION RODRIGUEZ TORRES, EMBASSY TCO ASKED RODRIGUEZ FOR HIS REACTION TO A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MID-OCTOBER AND MID-NOVEMBER. RODRIGUEZ REPLIED THAT THE GOM ATTACHES HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND IS WILLING TO RESUME TALKS AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO THE U.S. DELEGATION. HE THEN EXPRESSED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR MEXICO CITY AS THE SITE FOR THE NEXT ROUND, WHICH HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES WITHOUT GIVING SPECIFIC REASONS.

2. IN WHAT WILL HOPEFULLY BE THE FINAL ROUND OF THESE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS, RODRIGUEZ WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PREFER TO BE WITHIN EASY REACH OF HIS SUPERIOR, SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MENDEZ DOCURRO, WHO WITH HIS DIRST ACCESS TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IS, OF COURSE, IN A BETTER POSITION THAN RODRIGUEZ TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERING VIEWS AND INTERESTS REPRESENTED ON THE MEXICAN DELEGATION. ON BALANCE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL FIND IT EASIER TO DEAL WITH RODRIGUEZ ON HIS HOME TURF, WHERE HE WILL BE MORE ASSURED AND POSSIBLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. HAS SHOWN

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A TACIT UNDERSTANDING OF HIS SITUATION. WE SHOULD ALSO BE

MINDFUL THAT WITHIN THE PAST THREE MONTHS RODRIGUEZ HAS APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE REQUESTS FOR CAPACITY INCREASES FOR WESTERN, EASTERN AND AMERICAN, ALL OF WHICH INVOLVED THE INTRODUCTION OF WIDEBODY AIRCRAFT.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY.

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